

Appl. No. 10/720,617

Response dated October 14, 2004

Reply to Office Action of September 14, 2004

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With regard to the requirement for election and restriction, which is the only point raised in the Official Action mailed on September 14, 2004, the Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, claims 1 through 21, for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that a search with respect to the catalyst claims of Group I would also reveal any art relevant to the use of the respective catalysts in the process of selective hydrogenation of unsaturated hydrocarbons without undue burden. Applicants therefore request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of the claims of both Group I and Group II.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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